



Blackpool SEND Service Newsletter

Supporting schools and home learning for children and young people with Special Educational Needs.

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The Coronavirus outbreak means that parents and carers of young people with SEND are facing uncertainty. If your child is not able to attend their setting/school, we want to support you with some practical home learning advice, hints and suggestions through these newsletters and on the Blackpool Local Offer page on Facebook. If you would like any advice or support with any aspect of home learning, please visit the Blackpool SEND Local Offer page on Facebook and submit any questions, your child's school are always there to help too.

<https://www.fyidirectory.co.uk/kb5/blackpool/directory/localoffer.page?directorychannel=2&district=blackpool>

Useful Numbers and Websites

Corona Kindness - If you need any support at this time or feel you are in a position to offer help please contact the corona kindness team at

helpneeded@blackpool.gov.uk or
helpoffered@blackpool.gov.uk

If you need help call 0808 1963080.

<https://www.blackpool.gov.uk/Campaigns/Coronavirus/Corona-Kindness.aspx>

HEADSTART <https://www.blackpool.gov.uk/Residents/Health-and-social-care/HeadStart-Blackpool/HeadStart-Blackpool.aspx>

Blackpool Better Start <https://blackpoolbetterstart.org.uk/>

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The national Literacy Trust is pleased to support My Dear New Friend. The project encourages children to write letters to people living in care homes.

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/mydearnewfriend/>

Visit <https://firststory.org.uk/writeday/> to have a go at the #247challenge, have a go at writing a 24 word story or record it on video.

For those more reluctant writers, try one of these 7 fun ideas

<https://www.literacyideas.com/7-fun-writing-activities-for-students>.

Remember recording does not always have to be writing, they could make a poster, create a PowerPoint, make a video or animation using plasticine or even act it out.

Combining Football with Writing

The football is about to kick off again. For many children who won't be able to get into school until September, this sudden summer of Football action could be a great way to keep them reading and writing. Tom Palmer has created 10 activities to engage children with reading and writing for fun and keep them literacy fit for Autumn 2020.

<https://tompalmer.co.uk/a-summer-of-reading-writing-football/>

Take a look at Roy of the Rovers writing guide, a new chapter will be added every with an activity to complete.

<https://royoftheroversofficial.com/news/2343>



Speech, Language and Communication

Resources for parents of teenagers and teenagers themselves who have speech, language and communication needs. Teenagers with ongoing speech, language and communication needs can find school and life difficult. This link shows teenagers talking about their experiences and how they coped.

<https://www.afasic.org.uk/help-for-your-child/teenagers-and-beyond/>

Blackpool Library

Visit the Blackpool Libraries Facebook page and Blackpool Adult, Community and Family Learning's page for activities and stories. You can sign up with The Reading Agency at sillysquad.org.uk the Summer Reading Challenge

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

National School Sport Week 2020

The annual National School Sport Week campaign takes place in the last week of June every year to celebrate the important role of Physical Education and school sport in enhancing young people's wellbeing.

This year, the Youth Sport Trust has teamed up with Sky Sports to run a national campaign which will aim to unite the country - families, schools, sport and businesses - in a celebration of the power of sport to bring people together, even during isolation.

Families can register to receive free and easy-to-use resources including videos to help plan your week of activities, set challenges for your family, friends and neighbours. <https://www.youthsporttrust.org/national-school-sport-week-home>

Kids should aim for a minimum of 60 minutes' activity everyday. We know that might be hard to do right now, but Change 4 Life have got lots of great ideas to get you started.

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/activities/sports-and-activities>



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